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Walter D. Cruickshank
Acting Director, Minerals Management Service
Attention: Rules Processing Team
Department of the Interior
381 Elden Street, MS-4024
Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817

Re: Alternate Energy-Related Uses on the Outer Continental Shelf—1010-AD30

Dear Mr. Cruickshank,

Wind power is a reality today. More than 2,400 megawatts of wind generation – enough to serve more than 650,000 average American homes – was installed on land in the United States in 2005 alone. With continued government encouragement to accelerate its development, this increasingly competitive source of energy will provide at least six percent of the nation's electricity by 2020 and revitalize communities – without consuming any natural resource or emitting any pollution or greenhouse gases.

Minerals Management Service (MMS) has a unique opportunity to encourage development of our offshore wind energy resources through the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. It is important to my company that offshore wind resources are developed because of the economic and environmental benefits such development will bring to American shores.

My company is a member of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) and we support the comments AWEA submitted on behalf of its members. It is imperative that MMS encourage the timely development of the relatively few economically viable projects proposed in the near-term. Delays could have wide-ranging impacts on the viability of the offshore wind energy industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

C. Trevor Childs

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